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Rear Admiral Robert L. Dennison, USN
 Naval Aide to the President
 The Little White House
 U. S. Naval Base
 Key West, Florida

Dear Bob:

Herewith is a copy of the special report on conditions within the Politburo, which I mentioned to you in our telephone conversation. Please keep it for your and the President's eyes only, and after he has read it return it to me.

The writer of this report is a Curtain country diplomat and it should be read as an intelligent estimate of a reason for past events and not as a factual statement of what the individuals mentioned did or said, as nobody outside the Politburo could actually have that detailed knowledge.

Chip Bohlen has read and reread it and considers it an extremely acute analysis by a man who is obviously well-informed of the mental machinery of the Cominform, and has an accurate idea of Stalin's reaction to disputes and crises within the Politburo itself. I think the President will find it extremely interesting reading.

Faithfully,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith
 Director

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